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**Proclaim Week of December 26 through January 1 as Kwanzaa Week**

Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, an internationally recognized scholar, in order to reaffirm African Americans' rootedness in African culture, to provide a context in which Africans around the world could come together and reinforce the bonds between them, and reaffirm the importance of African values which stress the importance of family, community, and culture. These values, known collectively the Nguzo Saba, include Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity and Faith.

Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 through January 1, and the citizens of Los Angeles County are encouraged to reflect on these positive values.

**THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Proclaim the week of December 26 through January 1 as "Kwanzaa Week" in Los Angeles County; and

Commend Dr. Maulana Karenga for his scholarship, creativity, commitment and vision in creating this holiday and introducing the Nguzo Saba as a core value system which contributes significantly to community development and the enrichment of lives for all.

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